

**Minutes of the Open Spaces and Play Parks Committee Meeting**  
**Held in Colburn Village Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 at 5.30 pm**

**Present**

**Chair:** Cllr Andrea Crowe

**Councillors:** Helen Grant, Brigette Martin, Maria Stewart

**Deputy Clerk:** Angela Pickersgill

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED** – Cllrs Angela Dale, Akuila Tutora, Janet Emmerson, Barry Robertson & Nicky Robertson
2. **Councillor “DECLARATION OF INTERESTS”** – None
3. **Matters arising** - Blue Tub Sponsorship & Plaques. The deputy clerk reported that 14 tubs have been sponsored and paid for. There are 2 left unsponsored if any person is interested, please contact the office. The name plaques have been slightly delayed but will be here as soon as possible. A quote was received for a no parking sign with post and fixings down at the Ford at a cost £90.00 plus VAT. The vegetation has now grown up, and the council decided against purchasing a sign for the area at the present time.
4. **Financial Expenditure Summary of the Open spaces.** Committee happy with the financial summary.
5. **Groundsman report** - groundsman had sent his report of jobs completed this month. He could not attend the meeting but advised the office that the wasp’s nest near to Chase 1 play park had been removed. The time sheets and inspection sheets had no outstanding issues. Councillors were happy with the reports and would like to thank the groundsman for all the hard work.
6. **Garden Competition** - A discussion took place regarding the theme for the Scarecrow competition this year and it was **RESOLVED** that the theme be **SPACE**. The councillors also discussed the matter of new categories, and it was **RESOLVED** that Hanging baskets and Sunflower with the largest Head, would be added. The councillors hope this may encourage more people to enter the competition. Entry forms will be available next week online to download and in the village hall and the office. Depending on the number of entries only 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes may be paid out. The office has organised the judges.
7. **Litter Pick Dates** – 6<sup>th</sup> June 20<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July. There will then be a break for the summer holidays and begin again in September.
8. **Biodiversity Action Plan – up to date** the next water testing day and sites are to be arranged.
9. **Date of next meeting** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July
10. **Items for next agenda** - Garden Competition final checks and update on blue tub plaques.

**Meeting closed at 6.00pm.**

  
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